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LOK SABHA

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PROBLEMS FACED BY FISHERMEN
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have recently came out with a fisheries directives which added to the problem of fishermen as it sought to encourage industrial fishing in the exclusive zone, notwithstanding the problem of over capacity and shortage of fish; and

(b) if so, the efforts proposed to be taken by the Government to overcome the above problems?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) The guidelines for deep sea fishing issued by the Government recently aims at regulating fishing operations of all deep sea fishing vessels in the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone(EEZ).There is no over capacity in the EEZ.On the contrary scientific advice points to that there is a need to introduce some resource specific fishing vessels in order to optimally exploit the under exploited resources in the region.

(b) Does not arise.